



COLORADO RIVER DISTRICT

PROTECTING WESTERN COLORADO WATER SINCE 1937

RESOLUTION 2019-1

A. WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Colorado River Water Conservation District voted to unanimously support House Bill 19-1327 at its meeting held April 25, 2019, and

B. WHEREAS, HB19-1327 was passed by the Colorado General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Polis, and thereby referred to Colorado voters Proposition DD to legalize sports betting within Colorado; and

C. WHEREAS, a vast majority of the new tax revenue generated, if Proposition DD is approved by Colorado voters, will be dedicated to the Water Plan Implementation Cash Fund to be expended in accordance with the provisions of HB 19-1327; and

D. WHEREAS, on November 19, 2015, Governor Hickenlooper formally adopted Colorado's Water Plan outlining broad concepts for meeting the State's water needs through the year 2050 in the face of unpredictable climate change and a doubling population by balancing agricultural preservation, new water development, municipal water conservation, and environmental enhancement while protecting Colorado's legal and institutional system of interstate compacts and equitable apportionment decrees, and local control; and

E. WHEREAS, Colorado's Water Plan has a projected 30-year price tag of \$20 billion, \$3 billion of which is identified as unfunded from existing revenue resources; and

F. WHEREAS, The Colorado General Assembly passed HB 19-1327 with broad, bipartisan support in large measure because of the specified dedication of the vast majority of the 10% tax revenues to beginning to address this "funding gap" of Colorado's Water Plan; and

G. WHEREAS, The funds generated by Proposition DD will only be a start toward fully funding Colorado's water supply needs and it is the expectation of this Board that the General Assembly will fund the additional needs from the General Fund; and

H. WHEREAS, Proposition DD explicitly provides that if any demand management program is adopted in Colorado, such program will be "regionally equitable and avoid(s) disproportionate, negative economic or environmental impacts to any single subbasin or region" and such program will be temporary, voluntary and compensated; and

I. WHEREAS, Proposition DD is modeled after the initiative that created the Colorado Lottery to fund parks and open space; and

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J. WHEREAS, Proposition DD would use the proceeds from a new form of gaming administered by mountain casinos to invest in our water, our water infrastructure, and our rivers and streams.

K. WHEREAS, It is the expectation of this Board that should Proposition DD pass, the General Assembly will in the future honor the express language of Proposition DD in allocating the funds generated therefrom.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Colorado River Water Conservation District officially declares its support for Proposition DD for the purpose of providing a mechanism to fund a portion of the implementation of the Colorado Water Plan, including a potential demand management program, all in accordance with the provisions of C.R.S. Section 37-60-123.3.

The Board of Directors of the Colorado River District indicated its consent to Resolution 2019-1 by motion on September 19, 2019.

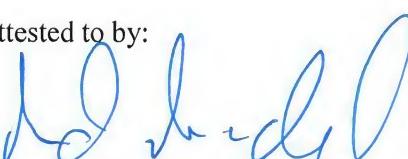
COLORADO RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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